

CHAMBER AT WORK ON BIG PROBLEMS

Union Station Takes Front Rank
as Matter of Prime Im-
portance to City.

NO DEFINITE PLAN REACHED

Annexation Question Again
Brought Up on Petition of
Suburban Towns.

Though working quietly for the perfection of its preliminary plans, the Chamber of Commerce has recently cut out for itself a bigger program than has occupied its attention since the strenuous campaigns that accompanied the great fight for the annexation of Manchester. Some of the schemes that have already been undertaken by the organization are equal, if not greater in their magnitude than the Southside annexation, but with the experience gained by that fight and the greater willingness of the people in general to follow the lead of the Chamber, the latter is anticipated. The various projects at once show the great development of the city in all directions and the part that the chamber is taking in its development.

Along with its continual effort to get conventions and other advertisement for the city, with the routine work that comes in day by day, here are some of the most important things that the chamber is trying to accomplish.

A union station, where all the railways entering the city will connect and thus end the confusion and trouble in making connections from one road to the other. A special committee has been at work on this problem for some time, and is receiving the co-operation of railroad people. Neither the committee nor the railroad men with which it has conferred have yet expressed preference as to the location of such a station, though the advantages of the section around Fifteenth and Main Streets, near the present Main Street Station, and in the West End, beyond Eble Station, have been discussed. The committee will go much further into the matter before even making a recommendation to the chamber directors.

Another project, which is as yet separate and distinct from the union station proposition, is that of closing Shockoe Creek and reclaiming the lowlands along its banks up to the American Locomotive Company's plant. Some time before his death, Councilman John J. Lynch brought this to the attention of the Council. He died before the plan took any definite shape, but in the meantime the chamber, through several of its members, became interested and has taken it up as one of the most important municipal improvements now contemplated.

Annexation Problems.
The annexation of suburbs in Henric county and of Manchester have taught the lesson that such movements should be made early enough for the city to take charge of lighting and sanitation before the suburban citizens are forced to undertake the work for themselves. As a loss to the city and an inconvenience to the people,

"Berry's for Clothes"



The internal revenue taxes on tobacco for 1910-1911 were over \$66,000,000.

PAJAMAS in the new tobacco tan shades, thin as smoke for summer night slumbers.

UNDERWEAR in the same color woven in loose open fibres, cool and durable; short sleeves and knee length.

GARTERS that will not chafe or stain the leg.

HOSE in tan or any color to match your summer suits.

All guaranteed by U.S.

A new shade!
Helio-blue.

Suits cut on English models that have just been received from our New York workrooms.

Drop in and slip on. You won't be asked to buy.

\$30.

Chas. H. Fletcher

The annexation of Fairmount is the best example that has come to the attention of those who have made a study of annexation conditions. It is the idea of the chamber to advocate the extension of the city in all directions as rapidly as consistent with a conservative policy, thus getting the suburban population in various sections in touch with the conveniences that they deserve, and at the same time save the city the expense of regrading streets and putting in new water and lighting systems.

Negotiations are now in progress with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad in regard to the extension of Monument Avenue across the Belt Line. The railroad is opposed to more grade crossings and the chamber is equally as emphatic in its opposition to overhead bridges that have been suggested by the railroad. Neither side has committed itself in any way on the subject, but it is expected that a satisfactory plan will be agreed upon.

Then, there is the contemplated bridge on or near the site of the Free Bridge to take care of traffic in the upper part of the city, and to allow the Petersburg cars to come up Ninth Street and make connection with the local lines within the city.

Officers of the chamber are also directly occupied with arrangements for the new building at Sixth and Main Streets, in which will be located the manufacturers' exhibit and the contemplated trades bureau for manufacturers and jobbers.

SENATOR MARTIN RETURNS TO DUTY

His Services as Minority Leader
in Senate Are Badly
Needed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Senator Martin, after being absent at the bedside of his wife for about two months, got back to Washington to-day. Immediately upon his return the senator began to mend some of the weak places which had appeared in Virginia matters during the time he was away. The first thing he did was to offer amendments to the omnibus claims bill, restoring the Virginia items which were recently knocked out by the Committee on Claims. These items amount to probably, \$50,000 or \$75,000, an amount something like a hundred in the aggregate. They represent property destroyed during the war by Federal troops, and the money, when finally paid, will go to many individuals, churches, lodges and societies of different kinds all over Virginia.

When the bill is taken up Senator Martin will insist that these items be put back, and he will make a fight to have them restored.

Senator Swann also takes part in the passage of this bill when it is ready for adoption. With Senator Martin, he will urge that the government pay its debts in order that the claims of the Virginians which have been standing so many years may be liquidated.

While Senator Martin had nothing special to say regarding his return, it is well known that as minority leader his services have been in great demand since he left Washington for Charlottesville. Just now is the most critical time, from a political standpoint, in the entire session of Congress. The Republicans in the House are dodging back and forth trying to prevent such action until after the elections in November, there is need of a cool head in the Senate. Much depends upon what action is taken by that body during the next few weeks, and the political machinery must be handled most carefully.

Senator Martin, as a minority leader, is the man for the job, and it is likely that his return will not be overly much relished by his colleagues on the Republican side of the chamber.

Senator Overman, of North Carolina, for the minority members of the Senate Committee on Claims, has reported in which he says that a vigorous fight will be made to have all items in the omnibus claims bill, knocked out by the Republican members, put back. Items aggregating thousands of dollars were killed by the committee. Senator Overman says that those persons, lodges, associations and churches in the South which suffered loss by Federal troops during the war should be paid without further delay.

Young Men's Association Organized.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., May 27.—Probably as the result of the efforts of the promoters of the Men and Religion Forward Movement here the Young Men's Association has been organized. The directors consist of three representatives from each church in town. It will probably pave the way for a Y. M. C. A. here.

Explains Purpose of Contest.
The managing editor of The Times-Dispatch explained briefly the principal features of the contest, the paper was undertaking it, he said, in the belief that the presence of the fly is a serious menace to public health, and that more publicity is needed on the subject.

The contest committee will meet to-day for their first perfect plan. Rules and regulations governing the contest will be published in The Times-Dispatch to-morrow. Any child in the city will be free to enter.

In entering thus formally upon a fly-killing campaign, Richmond follows the lead of the most progressive cities in the country, several of which have almost entirely rid themselves of the pest by similar tactics. Cleveland has already gained the name of "flyless town," and others are following in her footsteps.

THE WEATHER.
Forecast: For Virginia—Fair, warmer Tuesday; showers at night or Wednesday.
For North Carolina—Fair in east, showers in west Tuesday; Wednesday, showers.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature 76
3 P. M. temperature 80
Maximum temperature up to 8 86
P. M. minimum temperature 64
Minimum temperature up to 8 52
Mean temperature 66
Normal temperature 66
Deficiency in temperature 70
Deficiency in temperature since March 1 5
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1 437
Excess in rainfall since March 1 4.43
January 1 to March 1 4.33
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday
Temperature 70
Humidity 68
Wind, direction S. E.
Wind, velocity Clear
Weather Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 5 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Ashville 70 80 80 Rain
Atlanta 70 80 80 Cloudy
Atlantic City 62 64 64 Clear
Boston 70 82 82 Clear
Buffalo 70 80 80 P. cloudy
Calgary 58 60 60 P. cloudy
Charleston 70 78 78 Cloudy
Chicago 82 84 84 Cloudy
Denver 64 74 74 Clear
Duluth 46 56 56 Cloudy
Galveston 80 84 84 Clear
Hatteras 68 74 74 Clear
Havre 80 80 80 Clear
Jacksonville 70 82 82 Cloudy
Kansas City 70 86 86 Rain
Louisville 82 90 90 Cloudy
Montgomery 70 76 76 Clear
New Orleans 80 88 88 Cloudy
New York 68 76 76 Clear
Norfolk 68 76 76 Clear
Oklahoma 68 76 76 Clear
Pittsburgh 80 82 82 Clear
Raleigh 70 82 82 Clear
St. Louis 82 88 88 P. cloudy
St. Paul 68 76 76 Rain
San Francisco 66 66 66 Clear
Savannah 72 82 82 Cloudy
Spokane 80 82 82 Cloudy
Tampa 80 80 80 Clear
Washington 74 80 80 P. cloudy
Winnipeg 68 70 70 Rain
Wynethville 70 78 78 Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
May 28, 1912.
Run rises 4:54
Sun sets 7:50
Morning 5:09
Evening 8:09

Victor Records Melba

Let Us Play Them for You
Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young
Charms. In English. (Piano acc. by
M. Melba.) Moore.
Bohème—Mi chiamano Mimi (My Name
is Mimi). Puccini.
Don Caesar de Bazan—Sevillana. In
French. Massenet.
Faust—Air des bijoux. (Jewel Song.) In
French. Gounod.
Good Bye. In English. Tosti.
Hamlet—Scene et Air d'Ophele (Mad
Scene of Ophele). In French. Thomas.
La Serenata. (Serenade.) (Harp acc.
by Ada Sassoli.) Tosti.
Le Roi d'Ys—Vainement, ma bien aimée
(In Vain, My Beloved). In French.
Lalo.
Lo, Here the Gentle Lark. In English.
Flute obbligato by Lemmon. Bishop.
Lucia—Scene della pazzia (Mad Scene).
(Flute obbligato by Lemmon.) Doni-
zetti.
Mattiata (Morning Serenade). (Piano
acc. by M. Melba.) Tosti.
Nozze di Figaro—Voi che sapete (What
is this Feeling?) Mozart.
O Lovely Night. In English. Ronald.
Otello—Ave Maria (Hail, Mary). Verdi.
Otello—Salute (Willow Song). Verdi.
Penseroso—Sweet Bird. In English.
(Flute obbligato.) Handel.
Rigoletto—Caro nome (Dearest Name).
Verdi.
Se sarai rose (Melba Waltz). (When
Bloom the Roses). Arditi.
Tosca—Vissi d'arte (Love and Music).
Verdi.
Traviata—Ah, fors'è lui (The One of
Whom I Dreamed). Verdi.
Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon. In
English. (Piano acc.) Burns.

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heaps and other unsightly nuisances.

The suggestion was received with favor

and a committee reported to draft

plans. Another suggestion was to se-

crete the co-operation of every minister

in the city to the end that a Sunday in

the near future be set aside for special

sermons on the subject of public health.

A committee was appointed to follow

up the suggestion.

Dr. E. C. Levy, chief health officer,

opened the meeting as temporary chair-

man, with a summing up of the indict-

ments against the housefly. For a

long time the housefly has been

"swat-the-fly" business was being

carried on, said Dr. Levy, he had come

within the past two or three years to

change his views on the subject, and

was thoroughly in accord with the

movement.

He welcomed the offer of The Times-

Dispatch to award prizes to children

for efficiency in fly-killing, and ex-

tended the aid of his department in

the crusade against the stinging in-

sect. It was the duty of the health

department, he said, to see that the

city was kept free from the pest, and

to kill the adult flies; the cam-

paign must be carried further. He

told of his department's activities in

the direction of wiping out the unsan-

itary habits, which, he said, was the

breeding ground of the pest, and of

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STATE HAS POINT AGAINST LIME MEN

Auditor Says Proceedings Can-
not Be Had Until Law
Is in Effect.

HARMAN RETURNS CHECKS

Primary Law Will Not State
Little—Qualifies as Blues'
Surgeon.

Unable to see how an act of the Leg-
islature can be attacked in the courts
before it becomes a law, State Auditor
C. Lee Moore is taking the position
that the proceedings against the Con-
vict Lime Board, recently inaugurated
by lime manufacturers of this State,
raises only a moot question. In a letter
addressed yesterday to the Attor-
ney-General, the Auditor makes this
suggestion, and puts the matter up to
the State's legal officer.

The manufacturers of ground lime-
stone are attacking the validity of the
act constituting the new board, on
several grounds. They argue that the
State has no right, under the Consti-
tution, to engage in a business of this
character in competition with private
capital. The suit was instituted in
Circuit Court of the city of Rich-
mond to prevent the convict lime
board from putting into effect the oper-
ations of the act.

Ask Injunction.
Official notice of the proceedings was
served yesterday on all the parties de-
fendant—Governor William Hodges
Mann, Superintendent of the Peniten-
tiary James B. Wood and Commission-
er of Agriculture George W. Kolner,
as the members of the Convict Lime
Board; C. Lee Moore, Auditor of Pub-
lic Accounts, and Asher W. Harman,
State Treasurer. It is asked that the
Auditor be enjoined from drawing a
warrant and the Treasurer prohibited
from paying out any public money.

Already the members of the board
have unofficially taken steps toward
securing a quarry in the limestone
country, and a supply of oyster shells
in the water, looking to a source of
raw material for the lime-making
plants to be established by the State
and to be operated by prison labor, the
product to be sold to the farmers at
near cost.

Must Have to Act Quickly.
In the event, therefore, that the
contention of Auditor Moore is sustain-
ed, it may be that a race will ensue
for the State's money. It would be
possible for the Convict Lime Board to
purchase quarries and oyster shells
on the day the act is effective, unless
stopped within a few hours by the in-
dependent manufacturers.

The process of the court requires the
State to make an answer by the first
Monday in June, while the enact-
ment will not be effective until June
14. Mr. Moore believes it will be a
good point to say that the State can-
not defend a proposition which is not
yet a fact.

Plaintiffs in the case, according to
the summons, are the Shenandoah Lime
Company, L. P. Dillon, Edward Dillon,
Angie P. Rock, Lime Company, Moore
Lime Company, Riverport Lime Com-
pany, Powhatan Lime Company, John
C. Paxton, doing business as the
Reckless Lime Company and also as
the Linville Lime Company; W. N. Mc-
Ardy, C. C. Andrews & Co., Charles
W. Priddy & Co., A. S. Lee, Sons, and
all other taxpayers and persons simi-
larly situated.

LITTLE PRIMARY MONEY

Treasurer of State Returns Most of

Candidates' Checks.

Profits earned by the State as a
result of primary fees under the
new Byrd law do not promise to be
extensive, since most of the Virginia
members of Congress are apparently
not returning the money without op-
position within their own parties. The
Treasurer Harman has already return-
ed two checks because the time limit
elapsed without the appearance of op-
position, making primaries unnecessary.
Those of E. E. Holland and
H. D. Flood are awaiting them. All
four of these men have been declared
the party nominees without a fight.

Mr. Harman has the checks of Con-
gressman John Lamb and of former
Governor A. J. Montague. The pri-
mary date has been changed, but the
money will be held awaiting the new
arrangements. Congressman W. A.
Jones will have opposition in the
First District. It is said, in the person
of S. B. Buxton. Congressman Carter
Glass, it seems, will measure swords
with former Senator Don P. Haisey, of
Lynchburg, and City Sergeant T. R.
Tillet, of Roanoke. Judge Walter
A. Watson will contest the seat of
Congressman Robert Turner. The
checks of all these will soon arrive
as will that of Congressman E. W.
Saunders, of the Fifth, who is not ex-
pected to have opposition. Nominat-
ion was made in the Ninth by con-
vention.

Unless the next Legislature decrees
otherwise by a refunding act, the
State will keep all these primary fees,
although the expenses of the election
will be paid by the cities and counties.
So reads the law.

Will Be Blues Surgeon.
Dr. Norton H. Mason has passed his
examination as captain in the Medical
Corps, Virginia Volunteers, and will
soon be commissioned. He will be-
come surgeon to the Richmond Light
Infantry Blues.

Gets Virginia License.
A certificate of authority to do busi-
ness in Virginia was issued yesterday
to the Proctor & Gamble Distributing
Company, the selling concern for a
large manufacturer of soaps. The dis-
tributing company, an Ohio concern,
has a capital of only \$15,000. W. A.
Saunders, of Richmond, is the statu-
tory agent.

Rendered Unconscious by Blow.
Gloucester Courthouse, Va., May 27.—
John A. Brown, from Sarah's Creek, in
the lower part of Gloucester, was struck
upon the head yesterday morning by
Milton Harris. He has been uncon-
scious ever since. This morning Mr.
Brown was taken by Dr. J. W. Smith
to a Norfolk hospital for treatment.

Work on Sunday School Annex Begins.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., May 27.—Ground
was broken this morning for the Sun-
day school annex for the College Hill
Baptist Church, which is to cost about
\$2,000. The building is to have three
stories, being designed to give comfort-
able quarters for the Sunday school,
which is the largest in the city.

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DIRE DISTRESS AMONG REFUGEES

Hundreds, Driven From Homes
by Floods, Need Food
and Medicine.

New Orleans, May 27.—Stories of
dire distress among 1,400 flood refugees
in the vicinity of Jena, La., in LaSalle
Parish, were received here to-day by
Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the
Louisiana State Board of Health, in a
letter from Dr. Myer Newhauser,
special inspector of the board, who
is in charge of the medical and sani-
tary work among the refugees in the
Black River section.

Dr. Newhauser said he had just com-
pleted a trip of twenty-five miles up
Black River, and that some 1,400
refugees were clamoring for food and
are in need of medicines.

Dr. Newhauser states that scattered
about in the swamps within a radius
of nine miles of Jena there were 250
negroes and 450 white people, among
whom 150 tents had been distributed.
No rations had been issued. These
people within ten days, the doctor re-
ported, and then only 100 half rations
were issued. Some rations were ex-
pected to arrive from Monroe Tuesday.

There was not even a sack of meal
in Jena when Dr. Newhauser wrote
his report.

The letter was referred to the food
relief committee by the State health
authorities, and supplies were ordered
sent out immediately.

The crevasse waters in that section
are falling at the rate of two inches
a day, and in the Terra crevasse sec-
tion the water is receding slowly, but
there are more than 6,000 square miles
of territory in Louisiana in which the
people will be kept from their homes
for another two